REMARKS

Claims 1-22 from the parent application have been cancelled. Claims 23-28 are pending for examination.

The specification has been amended to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 120.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to

Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§

1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to

credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension

of time is required in connection with the filing of this

paper and has not been requested separately, such extension

is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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